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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Yoshihiro HORI, et al. :  
Serial No.: Group Art Unit:  
Filed: September 03, 2004 : Examiner:  
For: DATA STORAGE DEVICE :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Preliminary Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION: